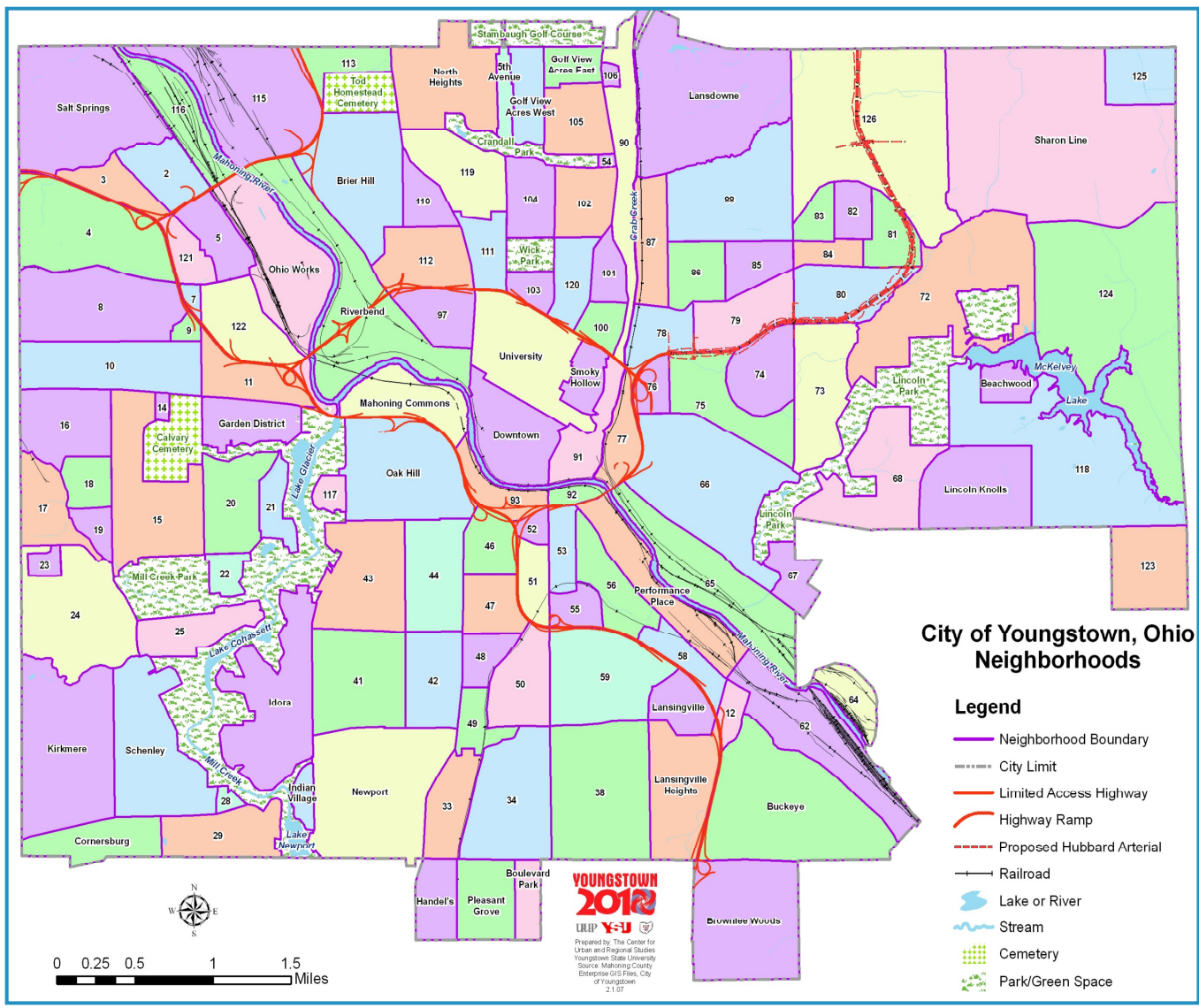


# IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

## Purpose

The purpose of the Idora Neighborhood Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan is to develop an implementation framework for the revitalization of the Idora Neighborhood. The plan builds on the assets of the neighborhood by creating new opportunities through the identification and prioritization of goals and strategies necessary to realize the vision for the neighborhood. The plan is grounded in the voice of the residents, who have participated in the planning process to address concerns, exchange ideas, and imagine a better future for their neighborhood. The plan is a tool for neighborhood residents, local non-profit and private organizations, and the City of Youngstown to create positive visible change throughout the neighborhood.



Map of Youngstown

## The Time is Now

The Idora Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan is the first step in implementing Youngstown 2010 at the neighborhood level. The residents of Idora are ready for change and the planning process is the means through which that change may become attainable.

The four elements of the vision include the following:

ACCEPTING THAT WE ARE A SMALLER CITY:  
Youngstown should strive to be a model of a sustainable mid-sized

DEFINING YOUNGSTOWN'S ROLE IN THE NEW REGIONAL ECONOMY:  
Youngstown must align itself with the realities of the new regional economy.mid-sized

IMPROVING YOUNGSTOWN'S IMAGE AND ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE:  
Making Youngstown a healthier and better place to live and work.

A CALL TO ACTION:  
An achievable and practical action-oriented plan to make things happen.

## Demographics

The U.S. Census indicates the makeup of the Idora Neighborhood has changed greatly in the past 30 years, realizing both increases and decreases in specific segments of population.

| IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD POPULATION AND RACE (1970-2000) |         |         |         |         |  |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Population   | 1970    | 1980    | 1990    | 2000    |  |
| White  | 2,154   | 1,235   | 628     | 281     |  |
| Percent White                                      | 83.80 % | 51.80 % | 29.50 % | 17.20 % |  |
| Black  | 412     | 1,122   | 1,480   | 1,296   |  |
| Percent Black                                      | 16.00 % | 47.10 % | 69.60 % | 79.40 % |  |
| Other  | 5       | 25      | 18      | 56      |  |
| Percent Other                                      | 0.20 %  | 1.00 %  | 0.80 %  | 3.40 %  |  |
| Total  | 2,571   | 2,382   | 2,126   | 1,633   |  |
| Percent Decrease                                   |         | 7.40 %  | 10.70 % | 23.20 % |  |

Source: U.S. Census



Idora and Youngstown Employment Status Comparison (16 years and Over)



Idora and Youngstown Housing Status

## Regional Context

Youngstown, Ohio is located in northeast Ohio. The City of Youngstown has experienced a large scale transformation from a city of 170,000 to a much smaller city of only 80,000. Despite this transformation Youngstown still retains many of the cultural amenities, institutions, parks and beautiful architecture from its past.

Today, many retirees, families, couples and singles are rediscovering Youngstown. With over 100 neighborhoods to choose from, there are many options. The Idora Neighborhood is no exception. Located on the south side of the City of Youngstown the neighborhood is a short drive from downtown and Youngstown State University.

Throughout the city there are **many people who care** about their neighborhoods and who are **working hard** to make them better places. Youngstown has many neighborhoods, and these **grass roots** should be the basis for neighborhood plans.

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## Neighborhood Description

The neighborhood began around a streetcar line that traveled down Parkview Avenue in the early twentieth century. The neighborhood was once characterized by;

- Thriving residential neighborhood,
- Bustling commercial district on Glenwood Avenue,
- Home to regionally famous Idora Park,
- Home to Mill Creek Park - the second largest urban park system in the United States, and
- Three different residential characters: large estate homes, traditional urban grid housing, an the central portion of the neighborhood.

## Challenges and Opportunities addressed by the Plan

- Blighted commercial sectors
- Closed steel mills resulted in the loss of thousands of jobs
- Public safety and crime concentrations
- Vacant land, structures, and Idora Park Site
- People left the city to find work
- Overabundance of housing
- Disinvestment corridor
- Absentee landlords



Vacant Structure



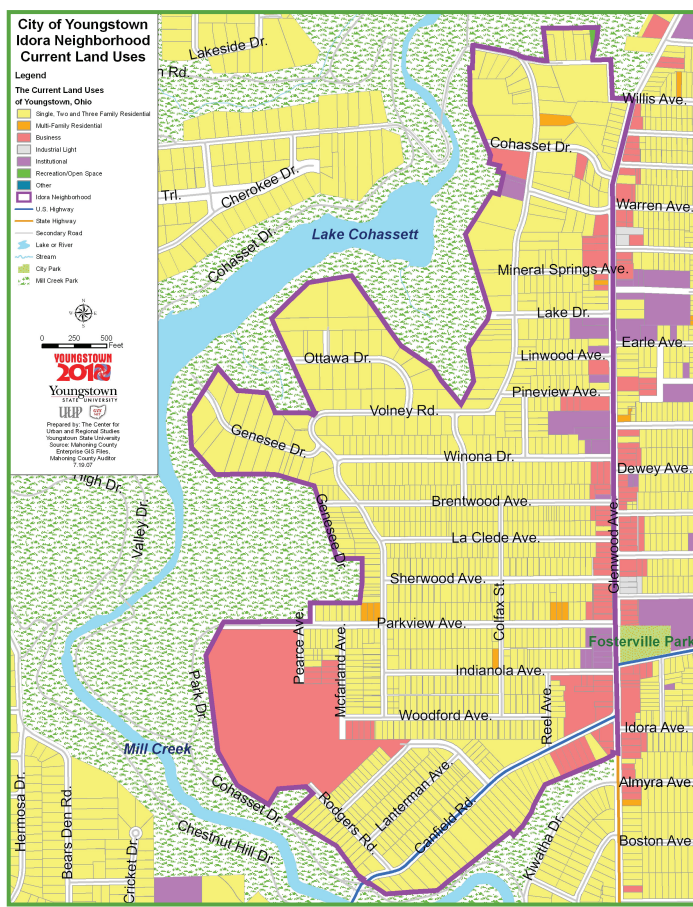
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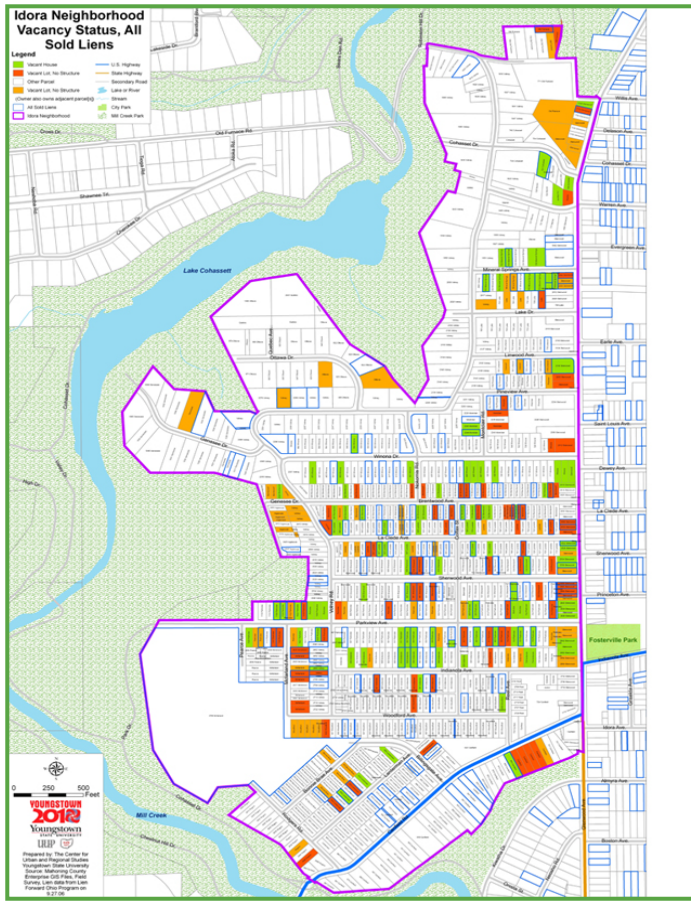
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Aerial Photograph

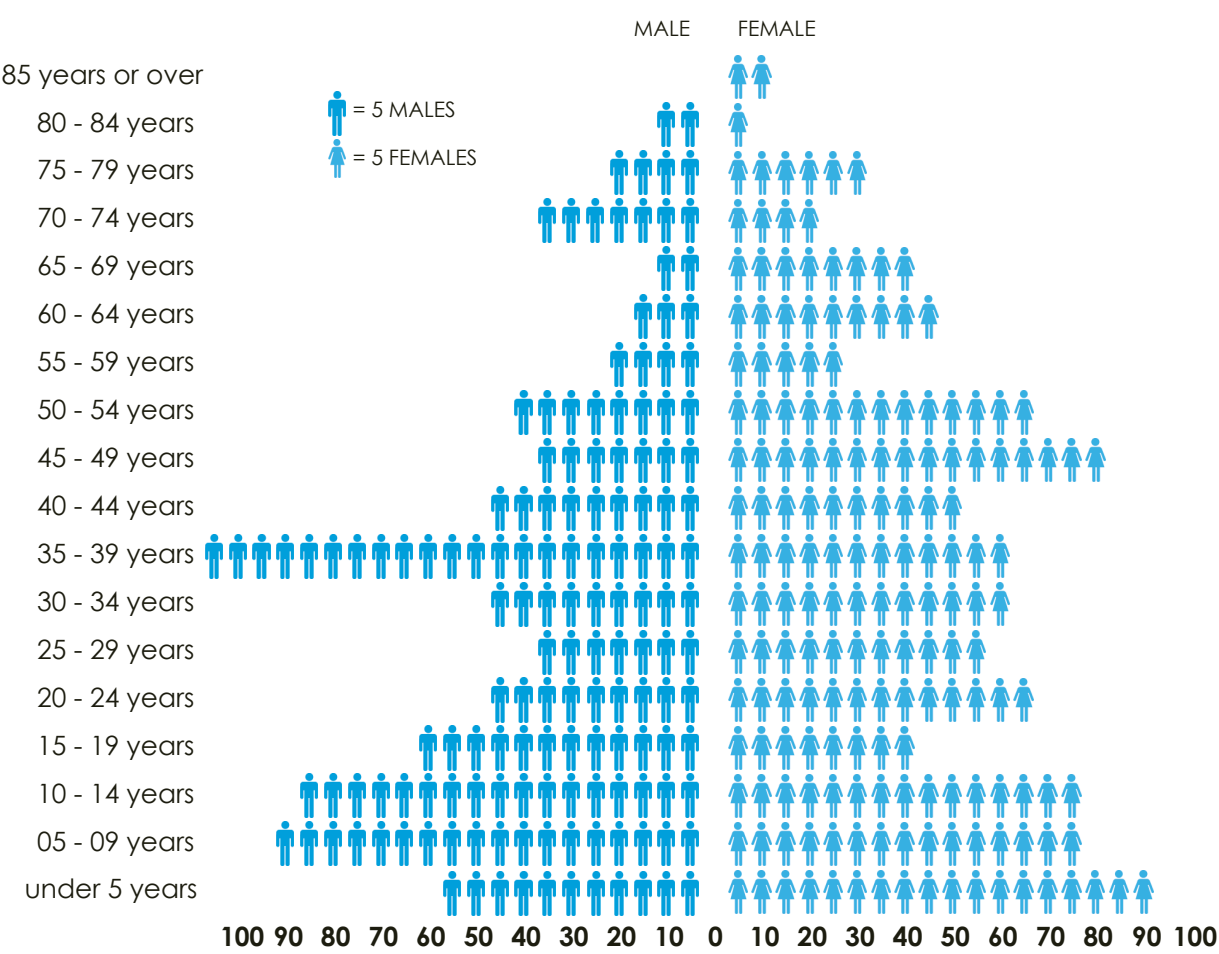


Land Use Map



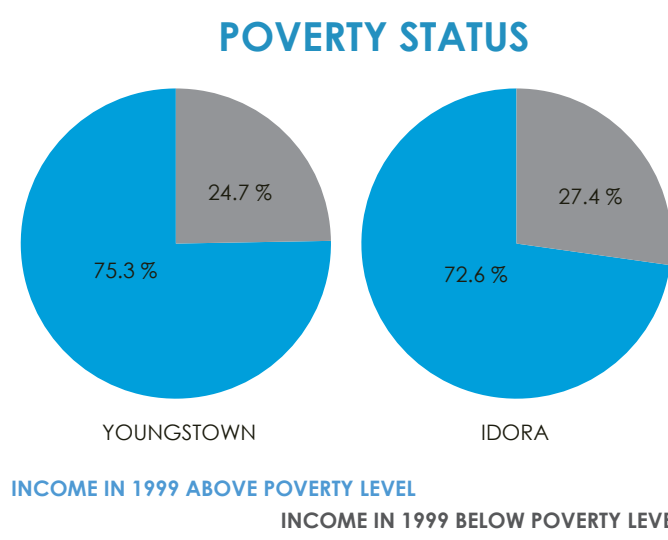
Vacant Parcels

### Idora Population by Age and Sex

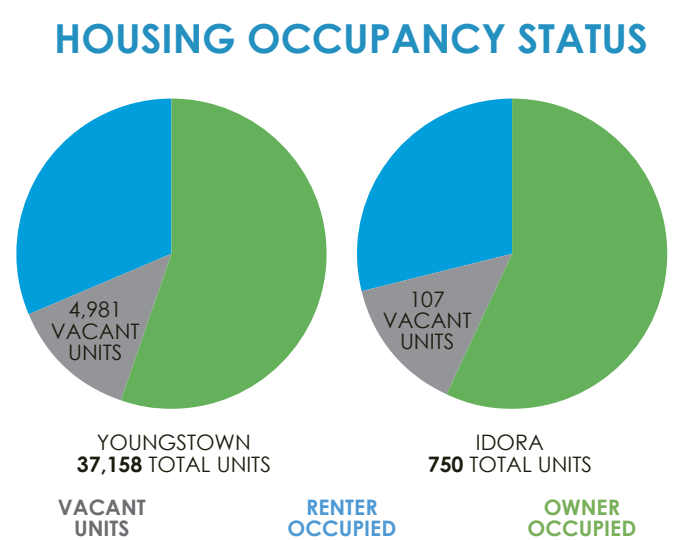


| IDORA EXISTING LAND USE                   |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|
| Classification                            | Parcels | Percent |
| Business                                  | 79      | 6.90    |
| Institutional                             | 32      | 2.80    |
| Multi-Family Residential                  | 9       | 0.80    |
| OpenSpace                                 | 1       | 0.10    |
| Single, two, and Three Family Residential | 1,029   | 89.50   |

| IDORA VACANCY BREAKDOWN          |        |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Vacancy Type                     | Number | %Total |
| Total Parcels                    | 1,150  | 100    |
| Vacant Structures                | 107    | 9.3    |
| Vacant Parcels                   | 166    | 14.4   |
| Vacant Parcels Owned by Property | 78     | 6.8    |
| Tax Lien Parcels                 | 208    | 18.1   |



YOUNGSTOWN INCOME IN 1999 ABOVE POVERTY LEVEL 75.3 % 24.7 % INCOME IN 1999 BELOW POVERTY LEVEL



YOUNGSTOWN 4,981 VACANT UNITS 37,158 TOTAL UNITS VACANT UNITS RENTER OCCUPIED OWNER OCCUPIED